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Chairman Gregg Statement on the Announcement of Mad Cow Disease in Canada

Washington, DC—"The announcement of one case of mad cow disease by Canadian officials today is cause for concern for health and agriculture officials here in the U.S. The FDA, over which the HELP committee has oversight, has taken appropriate and necessary precautions by working with health officials to prevent the spread of this disease to the United States by immediately banning the import of cattle, beef products and animal feed from Canada."

"We will continue to monitor the situation closely with FDA and public health officials here in this country to ensure that a possible outbreak of this disease is contained and that the American public is protected."

"As we have seen in Great Britain, this disease can have a powerful negative impact on the agriculture economy and the public health system and we will continue to take all necessary precautions to protect both the public and the health of our agriculture economy."

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